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 Lee Heron, Special Officer
 Michael Smith, Special Officer
 John Connors, Special Officer
 Enrico Maldari, Special Officer

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 Darlene D. Trefry, Matron
 Phyllis Tower, Matron
 Richard Tower, Prisoner Watch

Darlene Trefry, Auxiliary Officer

Deborah L. Richardson, Matron

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

<u>Activity</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Accidental 911 Calls	88	95	110				
911 Calls	964	869	1215	Domestic Disturbances	10	13	11
Alarms	212	188	194	Found/Lost Property	54	56	51
Animal Calls	246	191	204	General Complaints	229	198	207
Annoying Calls	2	11	5	House Checks	786	1069	1418
Assaults	24	27	18	Larcenies	47	36	35
Assist Citizens	573	448	476	Medical Calls	332	353	348
Assist Other	236	288	220	Missing Persons	6	6	3
Agency							
Auto Theft	0	1	1	MV Accidents	89	101	96
Burglary	18	12	12	MV Stops	2597	3487	3289
Bylaw Violations	8	8	19	Suspicious Activity	376	394	317
Citations	1867	2455	2312	Threats	3	3	1
Disturbances	15	13	18	Vandalism	32	60	30
Disabled MV Calls	113	108	92				
Total Calls For Service					15,133	17,756	16,996

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department provides the Town of Stow with Emergency Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The dedicated individuals of this department work tirelessly, around the clock, responding to a wide range of emergency calls.

2011 was again a very busy year for the Fire Department. Your department responded to 823 combined fire and medical calls. Some of the major calls we answered are as

follows. We responded to a three alarm structure fire on Whitman Street, two fires on Great Road. We responded mutual aid to structure fires in Harvard, Hudson, Boxborough, Maynard and to Acton with fire station coverage assignments during recent fires.

The department responded to 70 motor vehicle accidents. Fire Prevention was once again a major focus for your Fire Department in the year 2011. Under the direction of Captain John Paul Benoit, the Fire Department completed 381 inspections and permits for smoke detectors, wood stoves, oil burners and propane tank installation for all new construction as well as homes being sold. Our department also issued 450 Open Burning Permits.

The Fire Department continues to upgrade our education program for the children of Stow. During Fire Prevention Week, the Fire Department, in conjunction with the S.A.F.E. program, visited schools and day care centers to teach the children about general safety. At other times during the year, again working with the S.A.F.E. program, we perform other educational events (such as our annual Fire Prevention Week open house in October) where the children and adults learn about fire prevention. The Fire Department members also conduct many tours and safety talks throughout the year. We also participate in a Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Coalition.

Training for our emergency personnel continues to be a major focus. As the scope of our jobs continue to change and broaden, it is essential that your Fire Fighters and E.M.Ts be properly trained in all areas of Firefighting and E.M.S. services as well as Hazardous Materials, Confined Space Rescues, Auto Extrication, Firefighter & E.M.T. Safety and Survival, and Water & Ice Rescue. Members of the department conduct training drills monthly and on weekends. We also attend classes offered by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and the National Firefighting Academy. Our firefighters conduct an extensive recruit class every year to recruit and train new firefighters. Ongoing EMS training is continuous throughout the year. All our EMT's must complete a recertification class every two years along with 28 hours of continuous education hours approved by OEMS.

Apparatus and Maintenance

Stow Fire is fortunate to have an excellent mechanic on staff as a full time firefighter/EMT. Firefighter Greg Vogel holds the position of Department Mechanic and other members of the department assist when possible. He does an excellent job keeping everything running saving the fire department and the Town of Stow substantial money and minimizing equipment down time. We continue to provide maintenance to all our equipment and current apparatus in-house whenever possible.

Grants

Last year, we applied for a grant to move the Stow Fire Department over to a new radio frequency. The federal grant will defer the cost from our taxpayers to funding provided by a Home Land Security grant through FEMA. In order to enhance our chances of gaining the funding, we entered into a three-town regional grant application with Boxborough Fire, Littleton Fire, and Stow Fire. FEMA places a higher award status to

regional grants involving more than one community. The Town was gracious enough to provide us with the 10% grant co-pay last year. We are hopeful that we will receive the grant funding before the end of fiscal 2012.

SCBA Upgrade. We applied for a similar FEMA grant this year for updating our self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA's). The cost of the upgrading the equipment to current NFPA standards is \$120,000 with a 5% co-pay (\$6,000). We do anticipate some funding from FEMA for the coming calendar year. The cost to replace all our air packs would be approx. \$180,000.

This past year we were awarded funds from US Fish & Wildlife, MA Department of Conservation & Recreation - Forestry and SAFE funding from the Department of Fire Services. In 2011 we finalized our turnout gear which was funded jointly by a \$53,000 FEMA Grant and a matching amount from the Town. All our firefighters are now equipped with the NFPA compliant gear. This is a vital component in ensuring firefighter safety.

Thanks from the Chief

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Stow Fire Department for your help and support during this past year. Your dedication, commitment and professionalism make a department that we can all be proud of.

I would also like to thank all the citizens of the Town of Stow, the business community, the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, Building Inspector, Board of Health, Planning Board, Council of Aging and all other town departments for their support of the Fire Department. I would especially like to thank the Police Department, Communications Center and the Highway Department for all your help and support during the year. The State Fire Marshall, Stephen Coan also deserves special thanks for his continued help and support over this past year.

A special thanks to the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for all their ongoing support especially with emergency shelter operations.

Thank you all! I look forward to another year of progress and teamwork in the Town of Stow.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McLaughlin, Fire Chief

Fire / Rescue – Full-time Staff

John Paul Benoit, Captain
Barry Evers, Lieutenant
Mark W. Guerin, Lieutenant

Michael Stevens
Gregory A. Vogel

On Call Firefighters/EMTs

Christopher Camelio, Lieutenant
Tim Gray, Lieutenant
James Byrne
Richard Connelly
Gage Cummings
Charles Dunnigan
Shannon Eichorn
Jeremy Fiorvanti
Carolyn Fisher
Jason Galofaro
Jonathan Gray
Todd Jakubek
James Kissane
Mark Latta
Walter Latta
Christopher Lazuka
Jeremy Lyons
Jonathan Murphy
James Ruggiero
Michael Scimeca
Robert Smart
Susan Siewierski
Judson Swinimer
George Taylor
Michael Trioli
Nick Trioli
Matt Vickory
Keith Villa

On Call Firefighters

Scott Dwinells
Matt Magazu
Scott Morse, Jr.
George Nunez
Frank Patterson
Larry Stafford

Apprentice Firefighters

Christopher Bennett
Erick Benoit
Kevin Benoit
John Bertonassi
Josh Clement
Barett Dilling
Paul Dudley
Ben Latta
Andrew Lenox
Dan Nathan
Ryan Swan
Sean White

Honorary Firefighters

Steve Landry
Eddie Warren